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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft. The antitrust case has gone on for too long and is not fully justified. Not only has Microsoft created jobs and wealth for our nation, but also it has made technological breakthroughs that have standardized the IT industry. I have never felt my rights as a consumer have been infringed upon.

In fact, making Microsoft give away interfaces that are internal to their Windows operating system products is a violation of their intellectual property rights. Microsoft has worked long and hard to develop those products that outdo all their competitors.

As bad as the settlement is however, it is better than further litigation.

Implement the settlement as soon as possible. It is in the best interest of the American public if you finalize this dispute. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Martienssen

cc: Senator Rick Santorum